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Boland Junior Squash Schools League 2026

1. Introduction

Boland Junior Squash is excited to introduce a new structured School League System aimed at growing participation and raising the standard of squash across the Boland region.

The proposed format is designed to provide regular, competitive and enjoyable match play for both established and developing schools.

2. League Format

League Structure

- A total of **24 teams** will participate across all divisions.
- The teams will be divided into **three leagues of eight teams**.
- Schools may enter as many teams as they deem fit and can manage with regards to injury and sickness.
- The teams will be divided into the various leagues according to strength, which means a school may have two or more teams in the very league. The BJS selection committee will decide the composition of which teams play in which league.
- The league structure is not determined by age group or male or female. This is to ensure balanced and competitive matches.

Team Composition

- **Each team consists of three players, selected based on strength.**
- Preferably, but not mandatory, dual medium schools must enter teams based on strength as girls and boys are competing in the same league. BJS will however, at the conclusion of the league, give recognition to female players and female only teams based on their performance through the league.
- There is no limit on how many teams each school can enter, on condition that there is at least one reserve for each team in the event of illness or injury. In such cases, the reserve player will enter the no. 3 position of that school's weakest team and everyone else moves up one position, thus maintaining the correct and submitted school ladder.
- BJS School Leagues will also accommodate additional teams where applicable and fair. Schools will however always have first option of entry into leagues and then only will BJS accommodate other players where possible and where space is available. The players mentioned include:
 1. Players from schools that don't offer squash or have insufficient numbers to fill a team and
 2. Home schooled players that are in the BJS system through playing tournaments.

Match Format

- During each fixture, players from each team will play only one match.
- Duration of fixtures are expected to be approximately 120 minutes or less, utilising four courts at the various venues.
- All scores will be entered on SportyHQ through the use of the SportyHQ scoring app.
- Matches where a Boland player competes against another Boland player in the same age group, will count towards the Boland Junior Squash Ranking System, using an approved weighting scale.

Scoring

- Matches will comprise number 1 vs 1, 2 vs 2 and 3 vs 3 of the competing schools.
- We will be utilizing PAR to 11, best of 5 games.
- One point will be awarded for every single game (not match) that is won and two bonus points awarded to the winning team.
- Regardless of games, the winner will always be the team who won two or more matches.

3. Venues and Scheduling

Central Venues

- Fixtures will be hosted at central venues, including **Paarl, Radloff Park, and Strand Squash Clubs.**
- Every week each league will play at a different venue, rotating between the three venues.

Match days and League Duration

- Matches will be played every Thursday from **16 April 2026 - 28 May 2026** (2nd term) and from **23 July 2026 - 03 September 2026** (3rd term).
- Play will start promptly at 15:00 until 17:00.
- Closing Function, Prize Giving & Social: To be held at the end of the league. The date and venue will be communicated in early May 2026.

4. Age Groups

- As mentioned, there are no age groups, teams will compete based on the **school ladder strength.**

5. Costs

- The entry fee is R550 per team and an affiliation fee of R450 per school. BJS has been very fortunate to acquire a sponsor to assist the school league and will hopefully grow over time. As a result, we can offer schools a compensation deal of **R250 per team** for this year **plus the affiliation fee of R450.**
- Entry fees per team will include court hire and league administration costs.

6. Administration and Entries

Entry Process

Schools are invited to enter teams via the official entry form (link or form to be provided).

- Please indicate:
 - Number of teams
 - Coach or contact person details
 - Current official school ladder

Entry Deadline: 27 March 2026

7. Communication

- BJS really wants the school administrators to have a problem free and enjoyable experience during the 2026 league. As a result, we will host an online meeting with all appropriate parties and administrators in order to ensure complete clarity for all involved at administration level. We intend to hold such meeting on Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 18:30. An online link will be provided.
- Fixtures and results will be managed via a shared online schedule or WhatsApp group for each league.

8. Recognition

At the end of each league, certificates and/or small awards will be presented to:

- League Winners
- Most Improved Team, etc.

9. Conclusion

This new league format aims to create a fun, fair and structured squash environment that supports both development and high performance.

Playing against evenly matched teams more regularly players and schools alike will contribute to building a stronger Boland squash community.

If you have any queries, feel free to contact Johan Roux @ johan@jrt.co.za or 082 577 7169.

We look forward to your school's participation, suggestions and feedback!

Kind regards

Boland Junior Squash Committee

